

Wiltshire Council

Chippenham Area Board

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Chippenham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Chippenham Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
- To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023-24	£ 33,527.00	£ 30,500.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 10,498.00	£ 5,490.12	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 23,029.00	£ 25,009.88	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 23,029.00	£ 19,304.88	£ 5,118.02

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1325	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Chippenham Day Centre	Chippenham Day Centre and Friendship Group	£13127.01	£2581.98
<p>Project Summary: The Chippenham Day Centre (CDC) is a group of 20 elderly Chippenham residents who meet every Thursday in King Alfred Hall Chippenham between 1000 and 1500. Each week they enjoy coffee and cake, sherry, a two-course hot meal, a quiz and some form of entertainment during the afternoon. This is provided from an outside source, and includes musical entertainment, a talk and even chair fitness sessions. The CDC Organiser runs the day, assisted by 2 volunteers on a rotational basis.</p>					

ABG1331	Youth Grant	Rag and Bone Arts CIC	Teen drama improvisation workshops and art displays	£7850.00	£3530.00
<p>Project Summary: We'd like to return to our beginnings and move back to St Paul's Church Hall, to continue with our drama and art sessions for 13-17's. Since returning post-Covid, we've experienced the difficulties with this generation and their need to connect while learning to explore their creativity, but not to necessarily have the pressure of performing in public. We have identified a need to have fun and build confidence, beyond a need to perform. We are responding to this by creating 10-week blocks of drama improvisation and art workshops. The art group will continue to produce work which can be displayed around Chippenham, but the teenaged improvisation group will simply learn drama skills for increasing confidence. We would eventually like to create a separate group for performance work, which will be based on demand, but this is for the future and will be by audition only. This will help us keep the focus on confidence building and help the group be clear about it's function. It will then help the ones who are with us to act, to focus on their need to become performers, without it begin compromised by the different needs of the group. If we can create enough revenue alongside grant applications, we can offer the performance group for a minimal amount of subs.</p>					
ABG1332	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme	£4350.00	£2175.00
<p>Project Summary: To help address the ever-growing issue of online harm / abuse and the impact social media is having on young people. The Digital Empowerment Programme has been designed to be delivered in secondary schools to enable us to reach hundreds of our communities young people and families and will not only help them to stay safer online, but will also allow them to have a bright and positive digital future.</p>					

Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
 - Community Area Grants (capital)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young person's funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub-groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.